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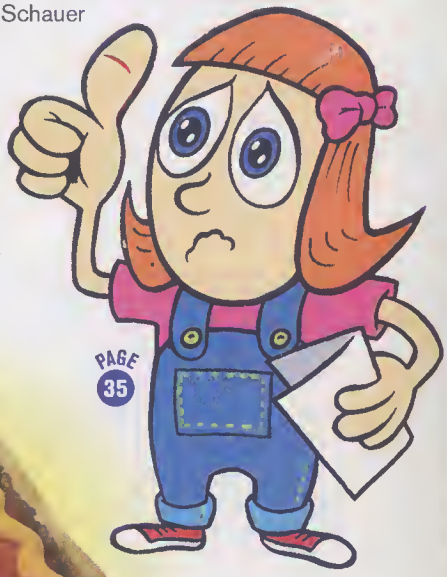

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Letters *to the* Editors

Dear Nick Mag,
Does Zelda ever take baths?
Joy J., age 11
Centralia, IL

Dear Joy,
Zelda bathes more often than Queen Isabella of Castile and a little less often than Beau Brummell. Read our hygiene history, "Grime Marches On," on page 43 for the dirty details.

Dear Nick Mag,
Have you ever sat in front of the TV for hours?
Sean M.
Tarrytown, NY

Dear Sean,
Oh, sure. And we also sit *under* the TV for hours, since there are TV sets bolted to the ceilings in various corners of our office. What's especially weird is when we see or hear the commercial for NICKELODEON MAGAZINE.

Dear Nick Mag,
My mom is looking for a new hairdo. Would you put some really cool hairdos on a page to help her decide?
Heather L., age 10
Laurel, MS

Dear Heather,
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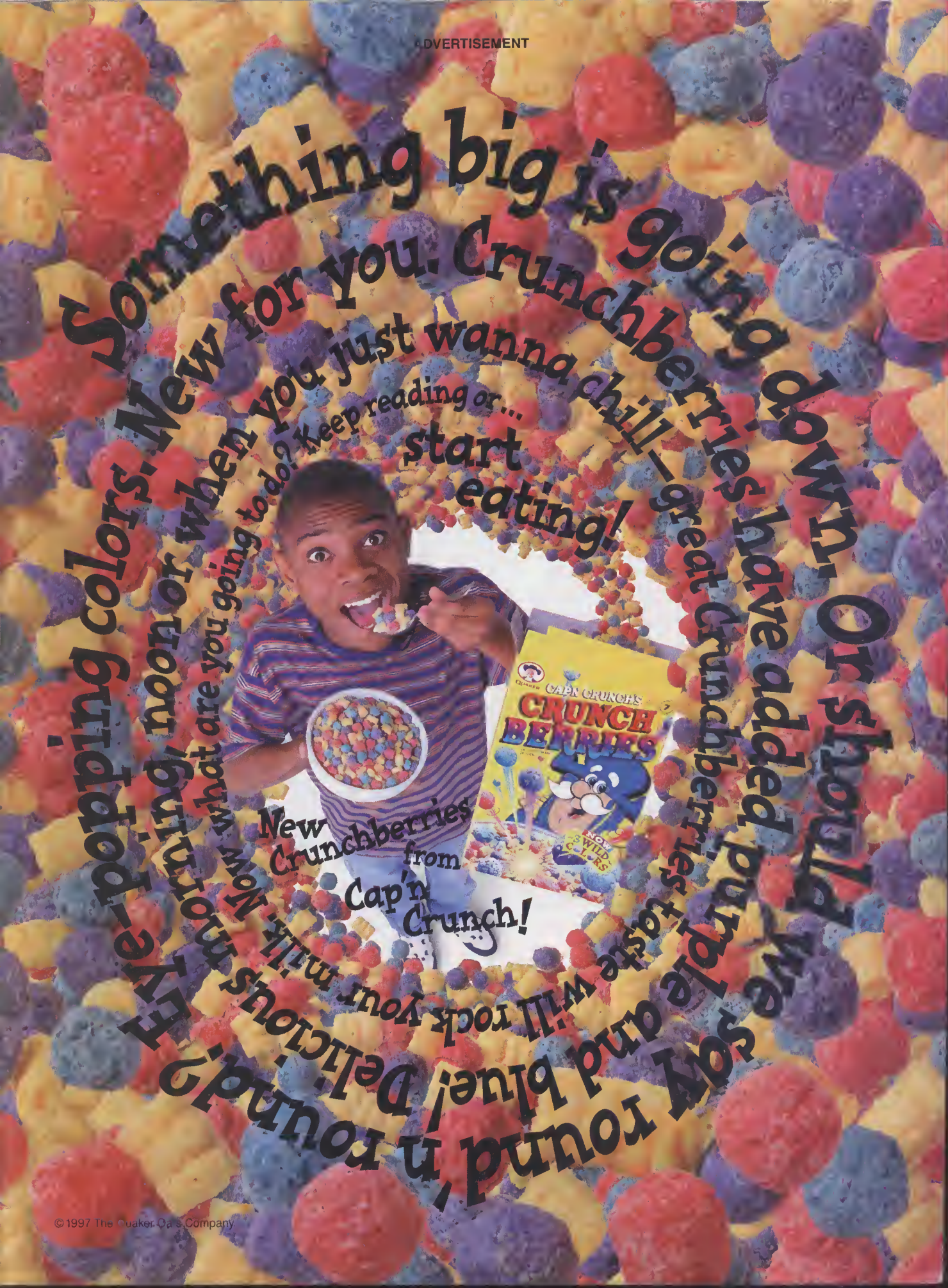
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Lucky in Kentucky

Every spring since 1875, the Kentucky Derby horse race has been run at Churchill Downs in Louisville, Kentucky. Can you tell which of the following are thoroughbred facts and which are horsefeathers? Answers on page 56.

1. A *down* is a treeless expanse of land. Real
2. All the horses who run the Kentucky Derby are three years old.
3. The race is 1.25 miles long.
4. The "dirt" of the track is actually the Colonel's secret blend of 11 herbs and spices.
5. All the horses who run the Derby wear Panama hats.
6. The Kentucky Derby is also known as The Run for the Roses.
7. A husband and wife (dressed in a two-piece horse costume) won the 1936 Derby in record time.
8. Before becoming an actor, Mister Ed won the Derby.
9. When he was in training, boxer Muhammad Ali often ran around the track at Churchill Downs.
10. The old gray mare, she ain't what she used to be.

Runaway Brain

Hidden somewhere in this issue is the little plastic brain from the see-through body on page two. Don't lose your mind trying to find it. Answer on page 56.

Cloning Around

Clones, clowns, and George Clooney (of *ER* and *Batman & Robin*) may seem to have very little in common. But we found some very strong coincidences that connect them.

Clones	Clowns	Clooney
big news	big top	big star
emerge from a test tube	emerge from a tiny car	emergency room
microscope	tightrope	stethoscope
paternity suit	plaid suit	Batsuit
spittin' image	squirtin' flower	fightin' crime
two left feet	two big feet	two big roles
double trouble	dancing doofus	dashing doctor
DNA	RB, B&B Circus	*ER*

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The Bald and the Beautiful

Many celebrities have distinct hairdos. The ones below have popped their tops. Do you know whose 'do is whose? Match each star's head to his or her hair. Write the correct letter in the numbered blanks below. Answers on page 56.

A. Jenny McCarthy

1. _____

B. Jim Carrey

2. _____

3. _____

C. Brandy

4. _____

D. Dennis Rodman

E. Jennifer Aniston

5. _____

F. Coolio

6. _____

Don't flip your wig.

G. Michael Richards

7. _____

Body of Knowledge

You've got one. Your best friend has one. Each member of your family has one, too. It's called a body. Just how much do you know about it? Take this quiz if you think you can stomach it. Circle the letter of the correct answer for each question.

1 White blood cells:
a) could use a little sun.
b) fight infection.
c) faint at the sight of one another.

2 The fluid part of blood is called:
a) plasma.
b) wet blood.
c) paper platelets.

3 Signals from the brain are sent to the rest of the body by:
a) FedEx.
b) secret admirers.
c) neurons.

4 Every hour, the kidneys:
a) take a five-minute coffee break.
b) filter up to 15 pints of blood.
c) report the sports, weather, and traffic.

5 Blood is carried throughout our bodies by:
a) little tugboats.
b) the arteries, the veins, and the capillaries.
c) the snapula, the crackula, and the popula.

6 The thyroid gland secretes the hormone that stimulates:
a) growth.
b) the thigh.
c) thoughtful conversation.

7 The organ that contains the vocal chords is:
a) the moe.
b) the larynx.
c) the curly.

8 The system that eliminates bodily wastes is called:
a) the Eliminator 2.
b) the buddy system.
c) the digestive system.

9 The left side of the brain controls logic and speech, and the right side produces:
a) creative thoughts.
b) big Broadway musicals like *Cats* and *The Phantom of the Opera*.
c) enough electricity to light up the Eastern seaboard.

10 All of the following are bones in the ear *except*:
a) the hammer.
b) the anvil.
c) the nail.

Circle T (true) or F (false) next to each statement.

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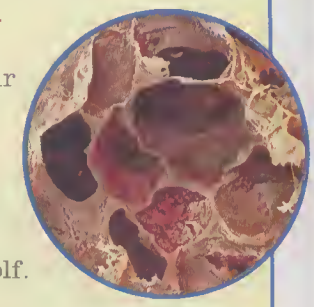

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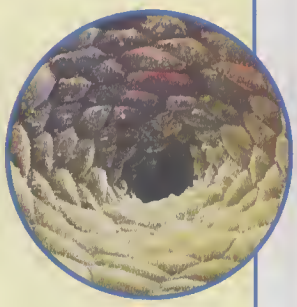

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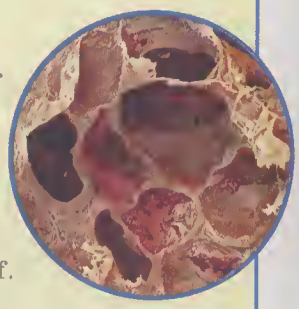

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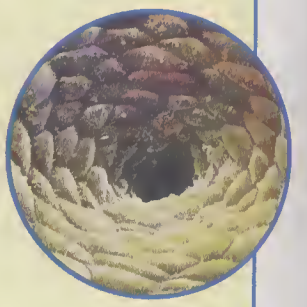

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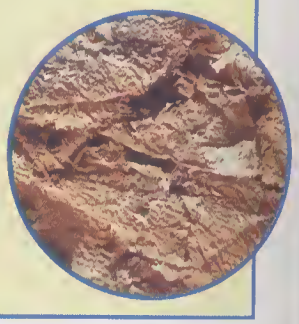

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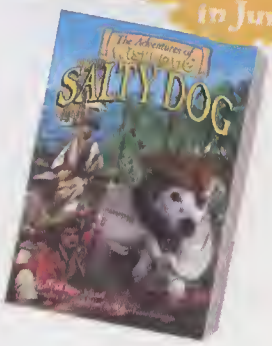

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Talk to the HAND!

by David Lewman

It seems like everybody has a talk show: Rosie, Sally Jessy, Ricki, Maury. But what if there were a talk show inside your body, hosted by your hand? (Note: You and five or more friends can read this as a skit. The directions that appear in *blue italics* should not be read aloud.)

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HANDY Thank you, and welcome to *Talk to the Hand!* I'm your host, Handy Richter, and our first guest today is the Heart. Heart, I understand you're very sad.

HEART Yes I am, Handy. In fact, I think I'm broken.

HANDY Hmm, you look okay to me. What's the matter?

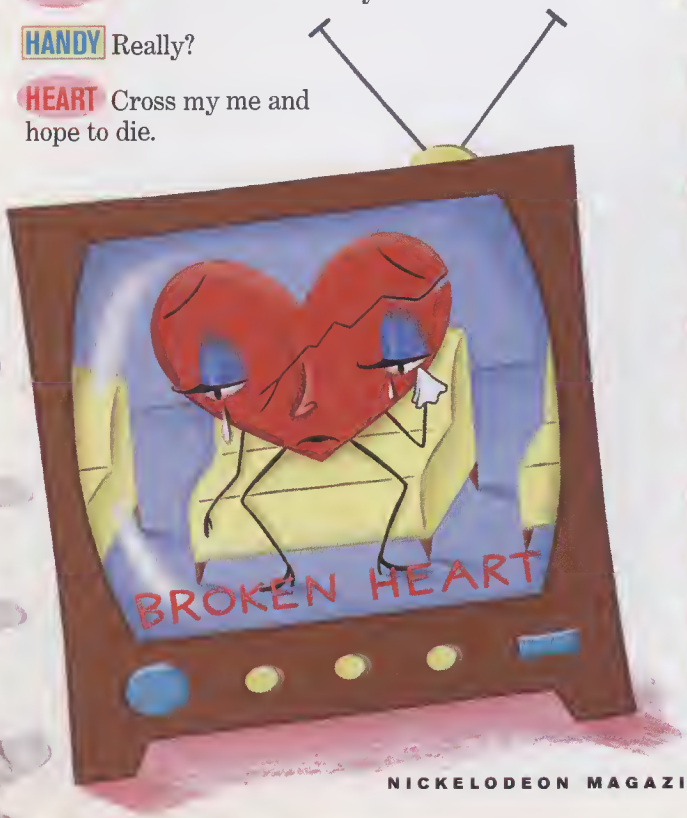
HEART It's the Appendix. He...left. And I miss him so much. *(Begins to cry.)*

HANDY You mean it?

HEART From the bottom of my me.

HANDY Really?

HEART Cross my me and hope to die.



HANDY Wow, your problem is a real handful. I can't solve it single-handedly, so I've invited three friends of yours to help. Please welcome a fine group of innards: the Brain, the Stomach, and the Liver!

Applause. The three organs enter and sit.

HEART Seeing them just makes me miss Appendix more.

BRAIN Oh, Heart, Appendix was lazy. He never did anything.

HEART That's not true. Just before he left, he almost burst.

BRAIN Almost bursting doesn't count! Come on, Heart! For once in your life, think!

HEART That's *your* job! Now who's being lazy?

BRAIN You never even saw Appendix!

HEART I'm sure he was beautiful.

STOMACH I saw him, and he wasn't pretty; he looked kind of like a worm.

HEART Worms can be beautiful! Besides, what do you know about love? You're just a stomach!

STOMACH *(Growling)* Hey, it takes guts to be a stomach!

HEART *(Sarcastic)* Yeah, right.

STOMACH Listen, valentine...

HEART Don't call me that!

LIVER You know, I'm a liver, not a lover. But

continued →

I understand how you can miss someone once they're gone. Heck, every time I secrete bile for storage in the Gallbladder, I...

HANDY Eeeuuuw! Yuck! Let's take a question from the audience.

AUDIENCE MEMBER Heart, I think you need to get over your big red self. *(Audience applauds.)*

HANDY Ma'am, that's not a question. Do you have a question?

AUDIENCE MEMBER Yes, I do. Heart, why don't you get over your big red self? *(More applause.)*

HEART It's not myself I need to get over. It's Appendix. Oh, Appendix, why did you have to leave? *(Cries.)*

BRAIN Heart, remember Tonsils?

HEART Who?

STOMACH You know, that little punching bag up in the throat.

BRAIN No, that's Uvula. Tonsils left. And you were sad then, too, Heart, but you got over it.

HEART Well...that was different. And now I miss Appendix! *(Wails.)*

HANDY This is getting out of hand.

LIVER I can't stand this anymore! Heart, I...I...love you!

HEART What? You do?

LIVER And I'll always be true to you.

HANDY You mean...?

LIVER I'll never liver...I mean leave her.

HEART Oh, Liver!

LIVER Oh, Heart!

Oh, Liv-A-Snaps!

STOMACH Oh, brother.

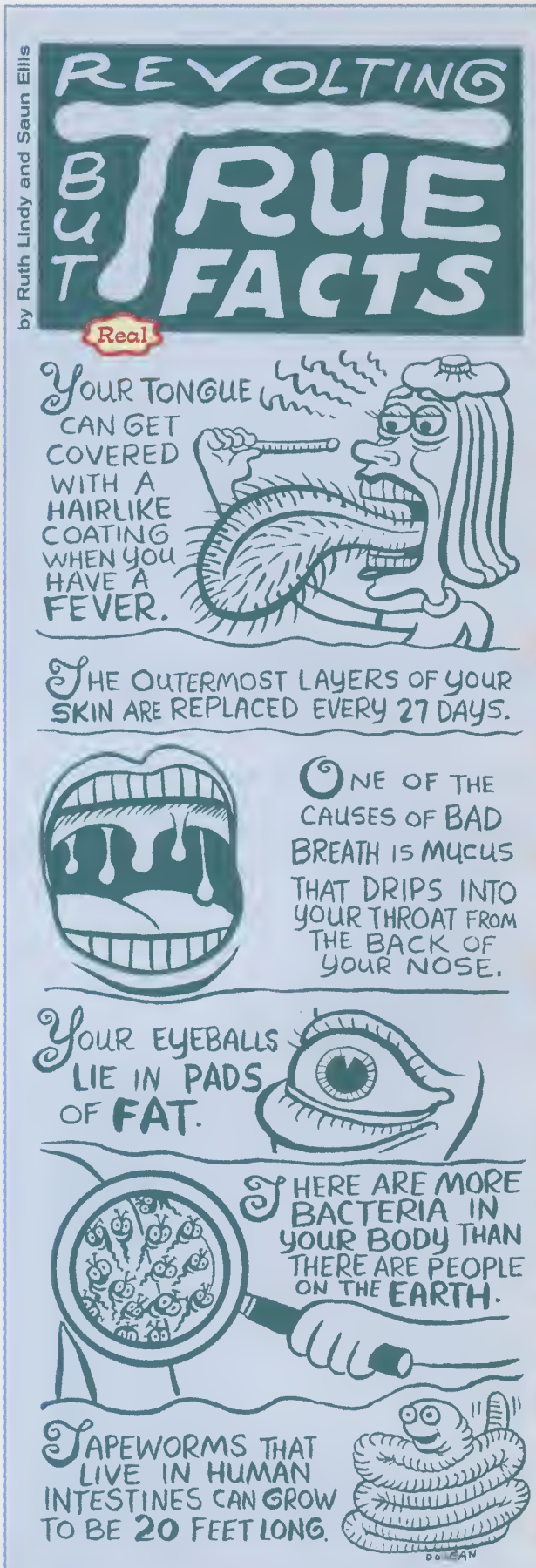
HANDY You know what? The hands on the clock tell me we're out of time. See you next time on *Talk to the Hand!*

Applause. The organs get up to leave.

STOMACH Come on, let's get something to eat.

BRAIN Good idea. I wish *I'd* thought of that.

STOMACH Oh, get over your big gray self. ❑



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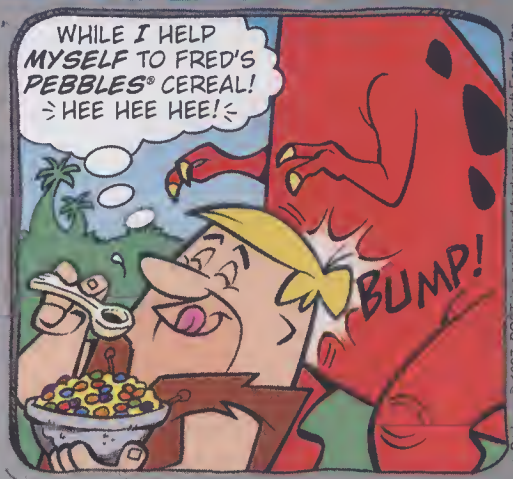

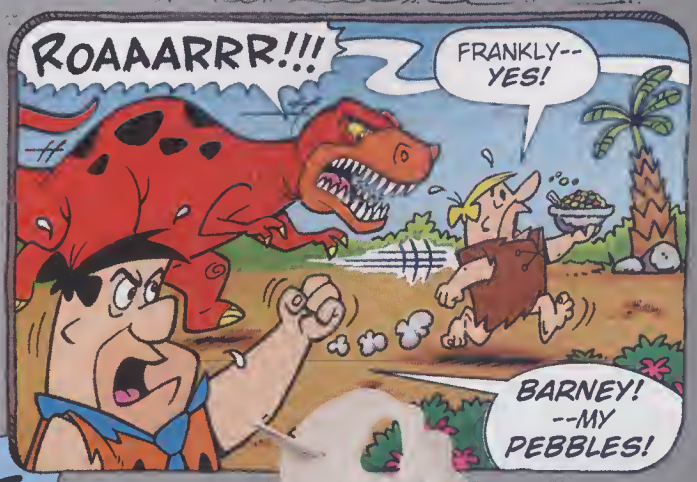

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Real This is New York Yankee Derek Jeter's right arm shown actual size. Place your arm next to his, and see how you measure up.

RTSTOP DEREK

OPEN

Derek Jeter became a professional baseball player when he was just 17. He played with the New York Yankees' minor league teams until becoming the Yankees' starting shortstop in 1996. Last fall, 22-year-old Derek won the American League Rookie of the Year Award and helped the Yankees win the World Series. He recently stopped short to answer our questions.

Nickelodeon Magazine: How old were you when you got your first mitt?
Derek Jeter: I think I was four or five.

And when did you hit your first homer?
I'm not sure. Maybe I was six or seven, and it was probably off a tee. We didn't have fences to hit over then—we just kept running until we were at home plate.

How did you become a shortstop?
My dad had been a shortstop when he was in college, and, you know, when you're a kind, you want to be just like your dad.

How long have you been a Yankees fan?
For as long as I can remember. The first pro game I went to was a Yankees game—I went with my grandmother.

UNFOLD

JETER

Were your parents Yankees fans, too?
My mom has always been a Yankees fan, and my dad used to like the Detroit Tigers. And now, well, they don't really have a choice.

What was the first thing you bought after you were signed?
I bought myself a Mitsubishi 3000 GT [sports car], and I bought my parents a van, so they could travel to watch me play. They live in Kalamazoo, Michigan, and they come see me play in Detroit, Chicago, and New York.

What's the coolest thing about being a Yankee?
It's cool just being a part of the Yankee tradition and being on one of the most recognized teams in all of sports.

What Yankee were you most excited to play with?
In 1995, I was called up from the minors to play a few games, and I got to play with Don Mattingly.

What American League player were you most excited to play against?
Cal Ripken.

Why?
Because he's *Cal Ripken*. [Ripken, of the Baltimore Orioles, has played in more consecutive ballgames than any other player.]

Are there snacks in the dugout to eat during games?
No, we're not supposed to

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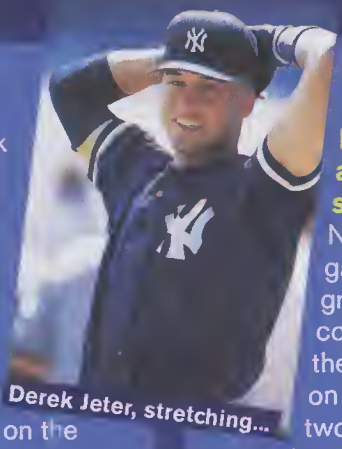
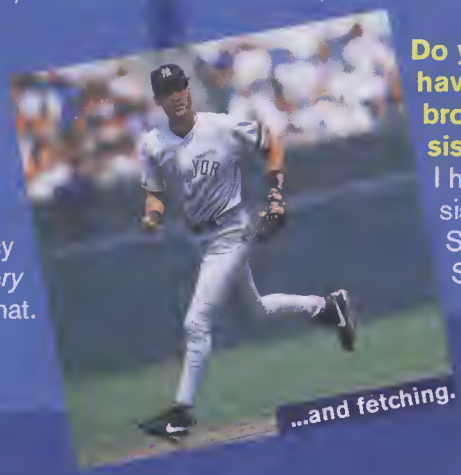
have food in the dugout. But sometimes, I might sneak into the clubhouse and grab a candy bar or something.


Derek Jeter, stretching...

Do you have any pre-game rituals or superstitions?
No. But some guys on the team do. Wade Boggs is chicken man. He eats chicken before every game. And every game, he throws the same number of balls during warm-ups.

Were you nervous to play in the World Series?
Actually, no. I think I was more excited than nervous, but I'm not sure why.

So you didn't get butterflies in your stomach or anything like that?
I get butterflies in my stomach before *every* game. No matter what. But once the game starts, I'm fine.


...and fetching.

Did you get sick of the Macarena being done at games last summer?
No. During home games, the Yankees' ground crew usually comes out and does the Y.M.C.A. dance on the field between two innings. At three games last summer, instead of the Y.M.C.A., they did the Macarena, and each time we lost. Mr. Steinbrenner [the owner of the Yankees] asked them to stop doing it.

What sport are you no good at?
Hockey, because I can start on ice skates, but I can't stop.

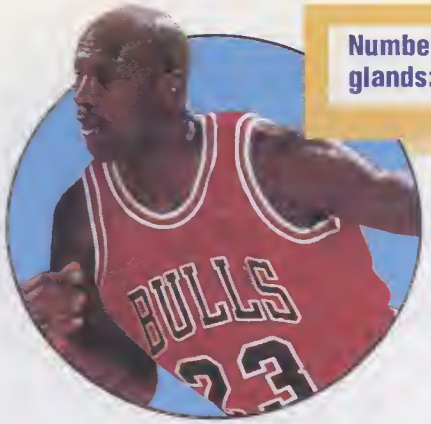
Do you have any brothers or sisters?
I have one sister, Sharlee. She's a senior in high school in Kalamazoo. She plays softball, and she's a much better player than I am.

...hitting...

So do you play catch with her when you go home?
Usually I'm at home during the winter. And Michigan winters are too cold for playing catch.

BATTER'S BOX

Birthday: June 26, 1974
Home runs hit in 1996 (regular season): Ten
How many of them were inside-the-park: One
Favorite ballpark food: Hot dog
Did he ever eat so much at a game that he got sick? No
Favorite non-ballpark food: Chicken parmigiana
What he has to work hardest at: "If you ask me, everything."
Least favorite exercise: Sit-ups
Acting career: Starred as himself on *Seinfeld* for about one minute.
Pets: Has never had one. "I'm afraid of big dogs, and I don't really like cats. But when I'm in Florida for spring training, I love watching the animal channel."
Favorite singer: Mariah Carey
Did he wear braces on his teeth? No. "But I had a retainer in the fourth grade."



Number of sweat glands: 3 million

Number of useless body parts: 1 (the appendix)

What is often found in removed appendixes: a fecalith, a stone made of fecal material

Thickness of skin: .003 inch to .06 inch

Weight of skin: 12 percent of total body weight

Amount of skin per body: up to about 21 $\frac{1}{2}$ square feet

This kid's all wet.

Amount of total body weight that is water, newborn babies: 75 percent

Amount of total body weight that is water, grown-ups: 50 to 60 percent

Time to swallow: 2 seconds

Time to digest, from one end to the other: 24 to 72 hours

Amount of saliva produced per day: about a quart

Length of digestive system: 30 feet

Stomach's capacity: 3 pints

Length of small intestine: 21 feet

Length of large intestine: 5 feet

Amount of blood in a body: 10 pints

Total length of all blood vessels: 60,000 miles

Amount of blood pumped by the heart at rest: 10 pints per minute

During exercise: 40 pints per minute

YOU BUSY BODY

Real

Some facts about your body are as obvious as the nose on your face—but others are somewhat less so. GEOFF EDGERS boned up on knowledge about the average human body.

Average number of hairs on your head, if you have...

red hair: 90,000

black hair: 108,000

brown hair: 110,000

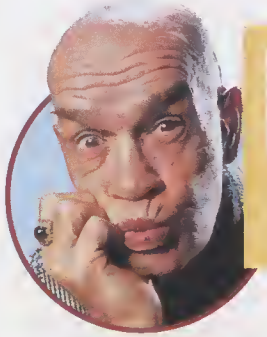
blond hair: 120,000

Number of bones in a skull: 22

Speed of a sneeze: about 100 mph

Number of droplets in a sneeze: up to 5,000

Distance traveled by sneeze droplets: up to 12 feet



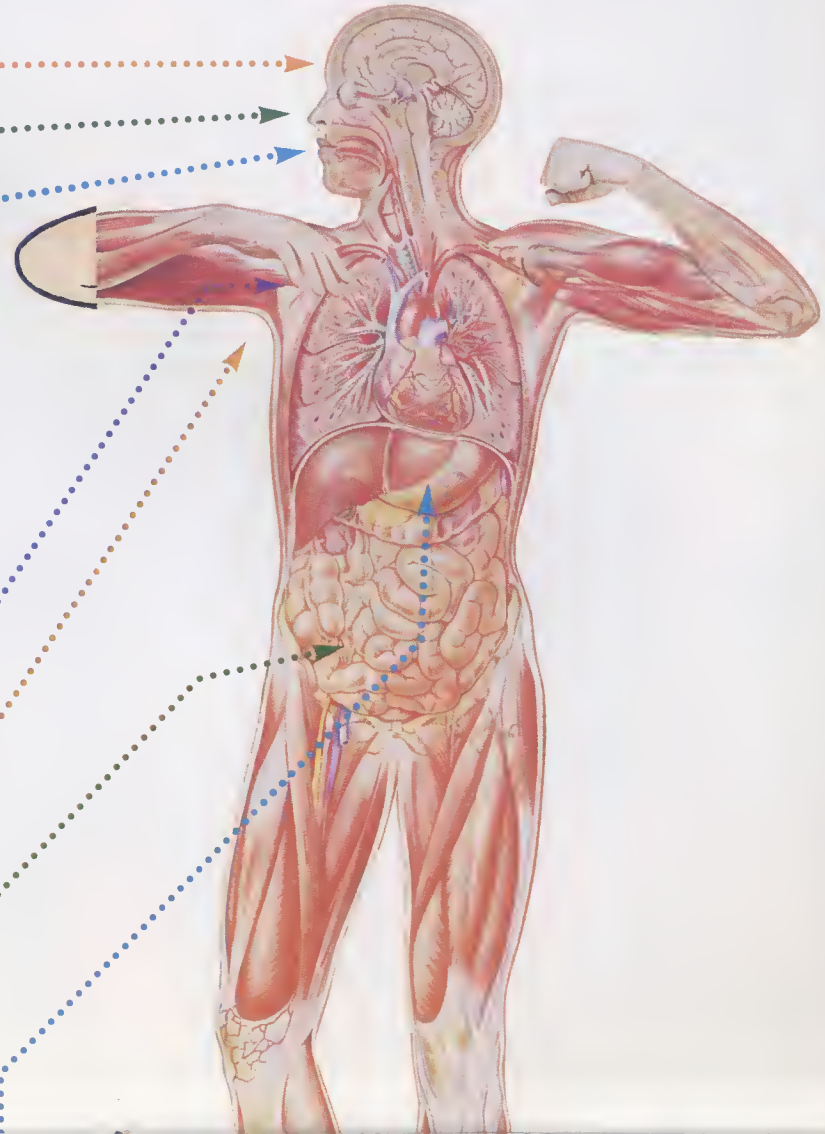
Number of hairs you lose a day: 100 to 150

Amount hair grows in one month: $\frac{1}{2}$ inch

Number of teeth: 20 for kids, 32 for grown-ups

Time for a fingernail to grow, base to fingertip: 6 months

Time for a toenail to grow, base to tip: 1 year



Power players

Legendary figures from all over the world are said to have magic bodies and powers. We speculated about the pros and cons of some mythical physiques.

Atalanta

Heroine from Greek mythology

About her super-bod: Runs faster than any mortal.

Why we'd want it: Would never be the rotten egg.

Why we wouldn't: No excuses for missing the school bus.

Cúchulainn

Legendary Irish hero

About his super-bod: When fighting, one eye grows huge and sticks out while the other gets tiny.

Why we'd want it: Great for Popeye impressions.

Why we wouldn't: Glasses keep falling off.

Ghede

Voodoo god of death

About his super-bod: His head contains the knowledge of everyone who has ever lived.

Why we'd want it: Surefire victory on *Jeopardy*.

Why we wouldn't: Some things you just don't want to know.

Medusa

Monster from Greek mythology

About her super-bod: People who look at her turn to stone.

Why we'd want it: Great for freeze tag.

Why we wouldn't: No one'd give us a second look.

Midas

King from Greek mythology

About his super-bod: Everything he touches turns to gold.

Why we'd want it: Rich; trash becomes treasure.

Why we wouldn't: Nose-picking is impossible.

Shiva

Hindu god of destruction

About his super-bod: Four-armed, four-faced; scary third eye can burn things.

Why we'd want it: Good for juggling; never get called two-faced.

Why we wouldn't: Confusion when folding arms; scorched eyelashes.

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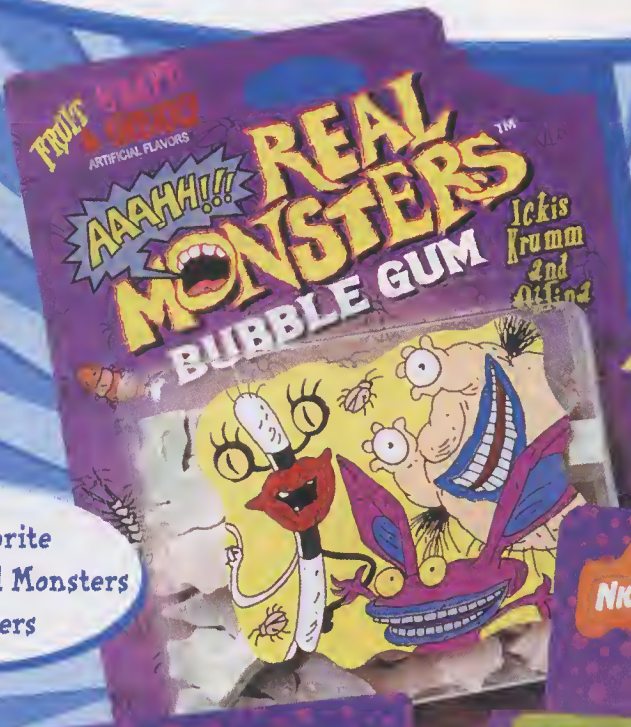

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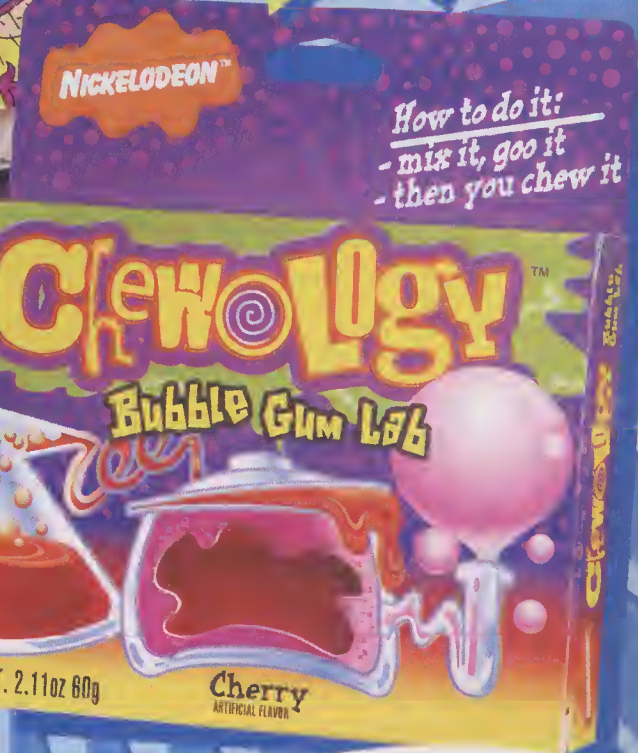

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The Why You Do the Things You Do

Real

by Jennifer Braunschweiger

GOOSE BUMPS

Impress your friends by calling them: The pilomotor reflex

What's going on: The root of each little hair on your arm is surrounded by a tiny muscle. When you're cold, these tiny muscles tighten in an effort to hold in your body heat. Each tightened muscle also makes a little bump and causes the hair to stand on end.

HICCUPING

Impress your friends by calling it: Singultus

What's going on: The diaphragm is the muscle beneath your rib cage that controls the movement of your lungs. Sometimes, for many different reasons, this muscle becomes irritated and your breathing process gets out of whack. Your diaphragm still makes your lungs inhale and exhale, but the opening of your windpipe—the epiglottis—is not coordinated with your breathing. The *hic!* noise is the epiglottis snapping shut after the air rushes into your lungs.

BURPING

Impress your friends by calling it: Eructation

What's going on: When you eat and talk, you swallow air, and it ends up in your stomach. Also, gas is produced as your stomach digests food. When too much air or gas builds up, your stomach sends some back up and out your mouth.

PINS AND NEEDLES

We'll always have Paresthesia.

Impress your friends by calling it: Paresthesia

What's going on: When you've been sitting on your foot for a while, you may feel some numbness, because your nerves are compressed. After you've stomped your foot on the ground, your nerves straighten, or "wake up," and start resending messages to your brain. At first, these messages are distorted and are perceived by your brain as that pins-and-needles feeling. (It's like when a TV doesn't receive the right signals and it shows static.)

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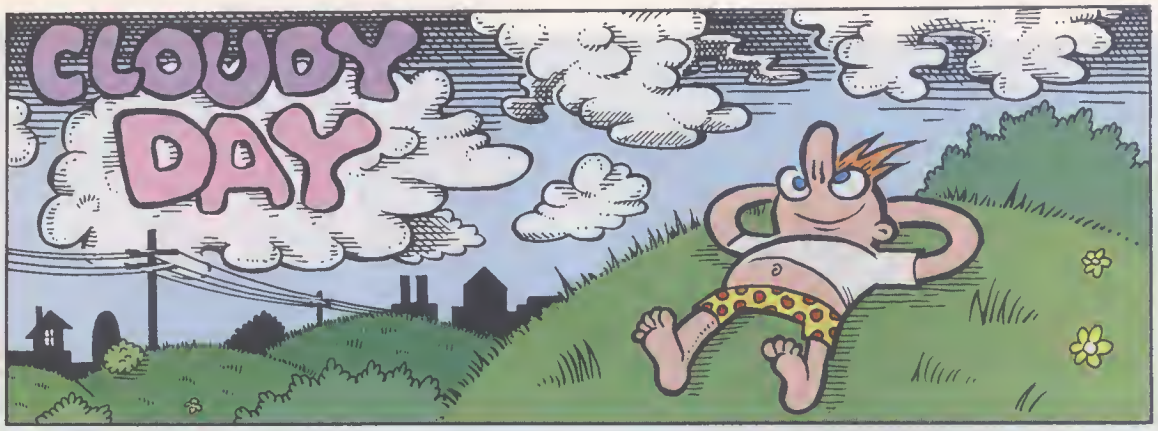

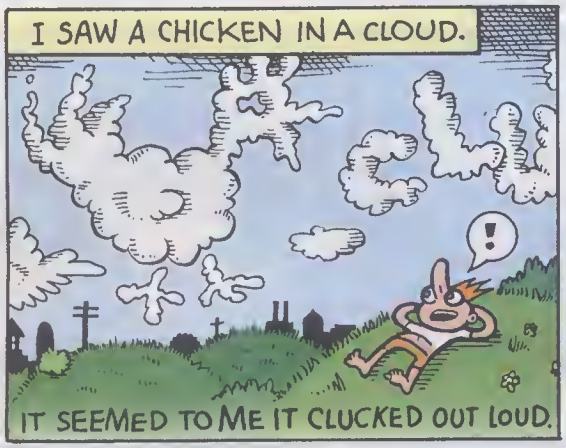

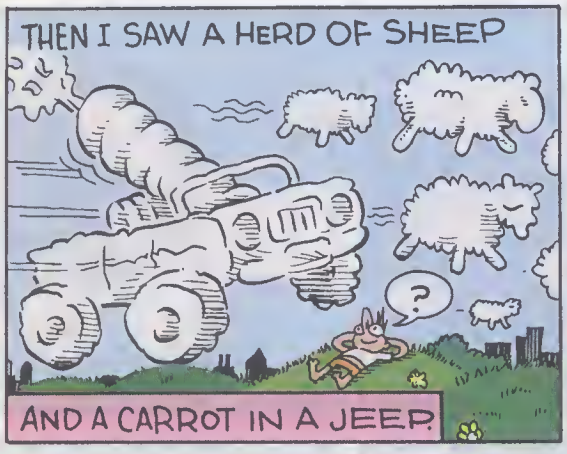

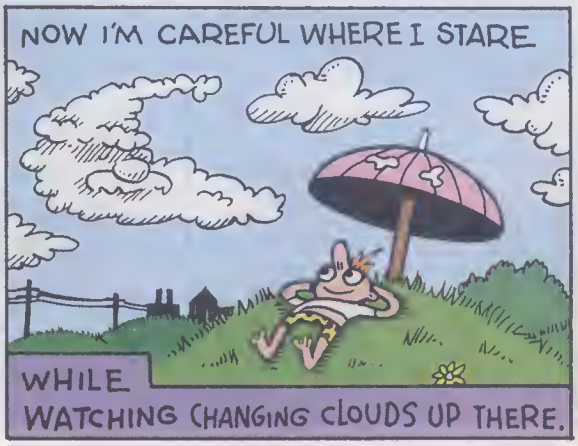

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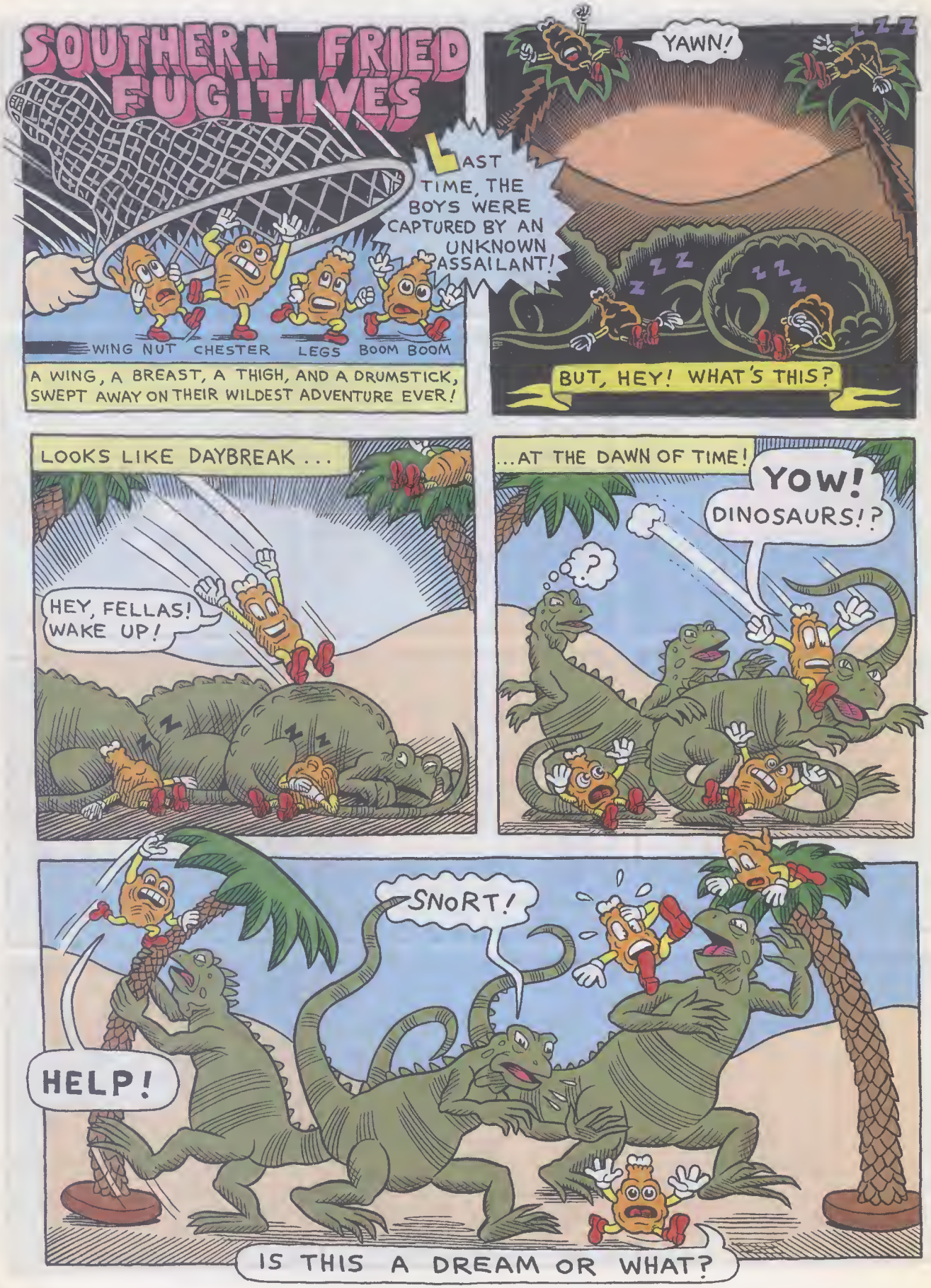
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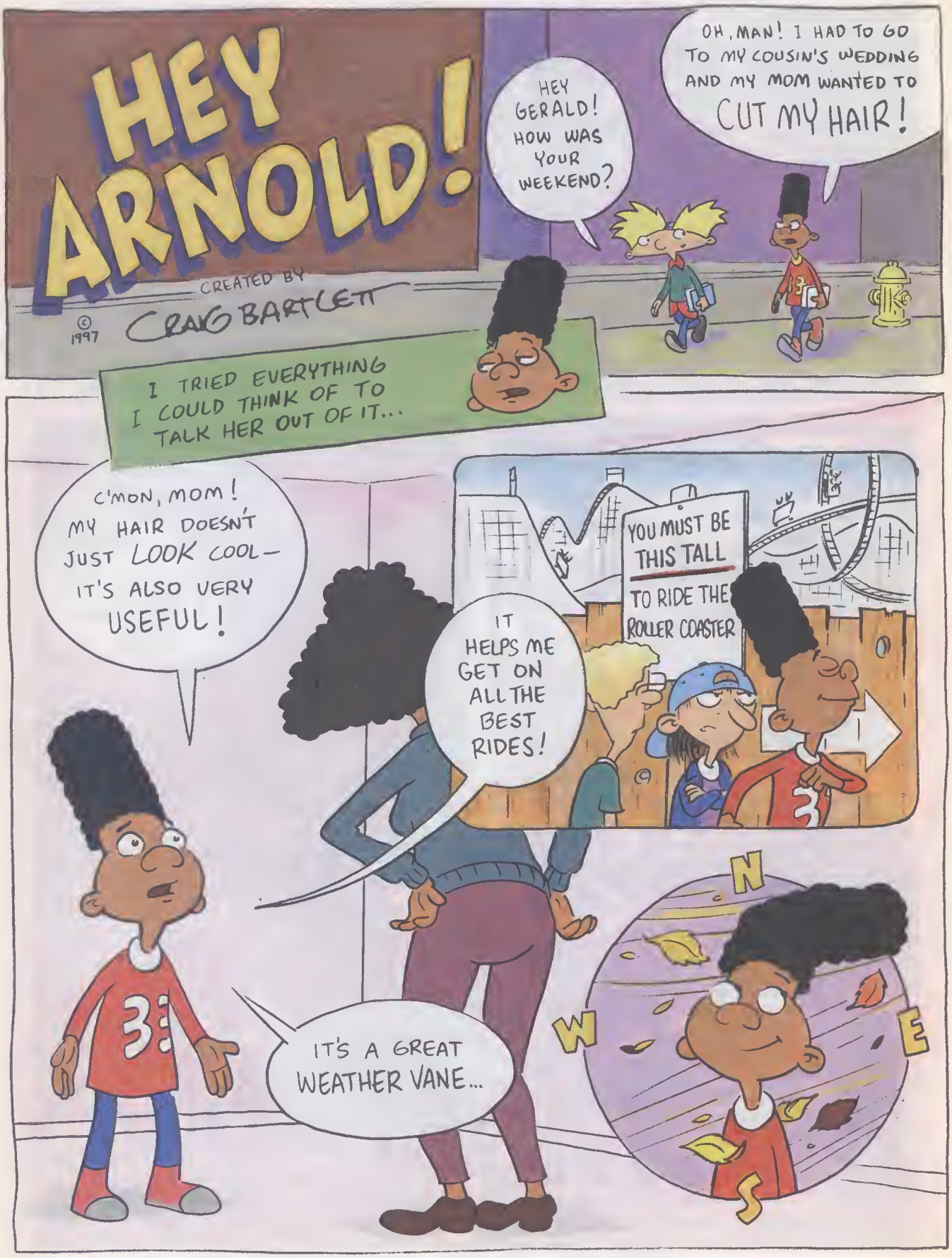
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C'MON, MOM! MY HAIR DOESN'T JUST LOOK COOL— IT'S ALSO VERY USEFUL!
YOU MUST BE THIS TALL TO RIDE THE ROLLER COASTER
IT HELPS ME GET ON ALL THE BEST RIDES!
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...AND IT PROTECTS ME FROM FALLING OBJECTS!
BOING
OKAY, LOOK, IF I WEAR THIS TOP HAT, NO ONE COULD SEE MY HAIR ANYWAYS!
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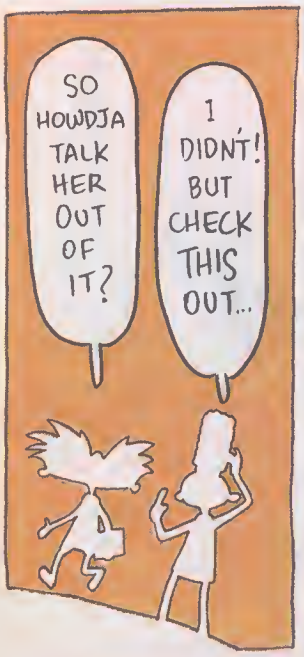
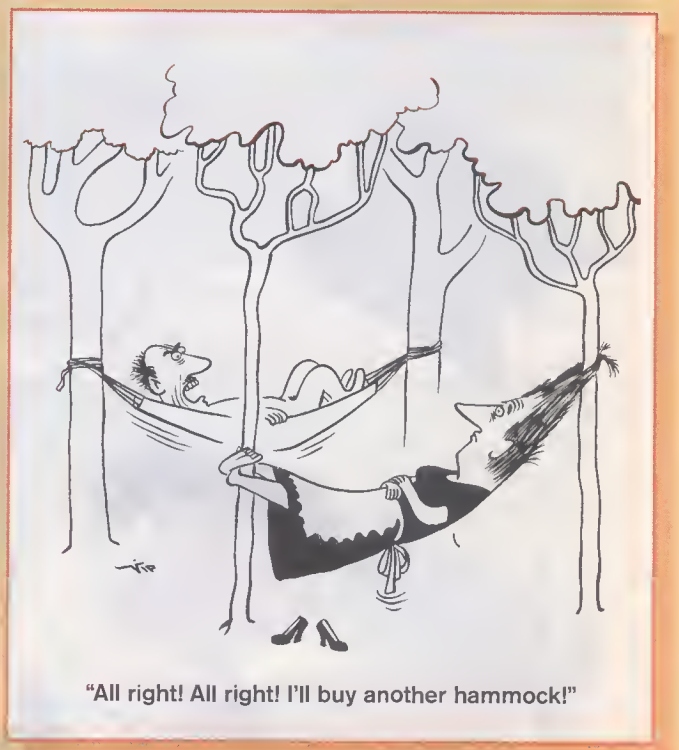

SO HOWDJA TALK HER OUT OF IT?
I DIDN'T! BUT CHECK THIS OUT...

AFTER MOM FINISHED CUTTING, I SWEPT UP ALL THE HAIR AND MADE THIS AWESOME TOUPEE!

AND WHEN MY HAIR GROWS BACK I CAN USE THIS AS A NICE COMFY SEAT CUSHION
OR A GIANT PAINT ROLLER
OR AN INDOOR BASEBALL BAT
OR I COULD JUST SELL IT TO MY BALD UNCLE MAURICE...
BARTLETT and SHERMA

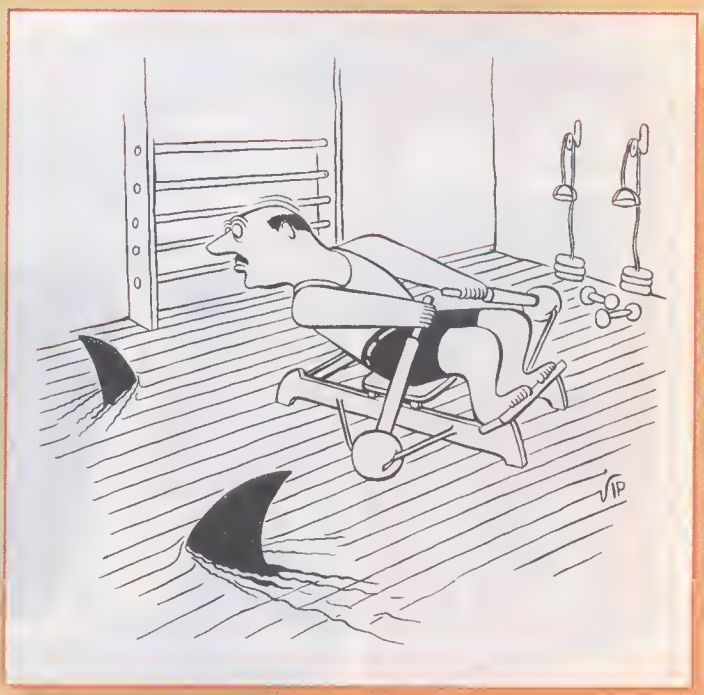
CLASSIC COMIC

These four cartoons are by Virgil Partch, who was known as Vip because of the way he signed his name. In the early 1940s, Vip worked for Walt Disney and then for Walter Lantz, Woody Woodpecker's creator. Vip didn't think his own drawings were very good, but a friend secretly sent a pile of Vip's cartoons to *Collier's* magazine, which published one of them. Vip became a famous cartoonist, and his comics appeared in hundreds of newspapers.



"All right! All right! I'll buy another hammock!"

"Cut that out, Randolph! It's only funny when I do it."



Get-Well Cards

by Anne D. Bernstein

DIRECTIONS: Here are five get-well cards for minor, everyday problems. Carefully tear out the cards along all the black dotted lines, making five cards. Fold each card in half along the white line, and give to a friend or relative.

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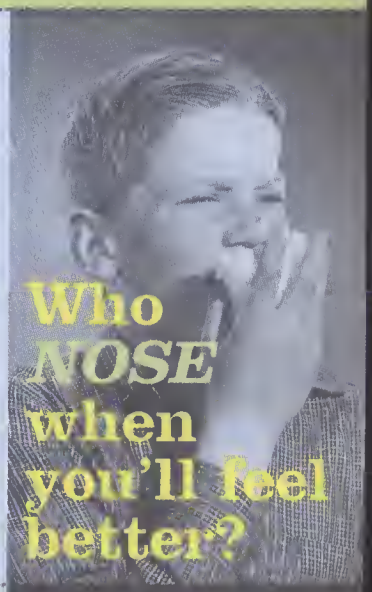

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To a friend with an injured toe...

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Your eyes, they itch; your snot, it flows.
Your tender snout is big and red,
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Hope your nostrils soon are clearer,
Until then I won't get nearer.
Yes, seeing you would be a kick,
But I do not like getting sick.

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Too bad you stubbed your little toe.
That makes me very sad.
I wish you weren't hurting
And feeling quite so bad.

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Life in the Fast LaLanne

by Andrew Santella

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Jack LaLanne opened the first modern health club in the United States in 1936 and later had a popular exercise show on TV. He has also accomplished many physical feats: He swam underwater across the San Francisco Bay while towing a 1,000-pound boat. He did 1,033 push-ups in 23 minutes. He water-skied 52 miles. Today, Jack is 82 years old and still going strong. *Very* strong.

STRENGTH IN NUMBERS: Jack tugs 70 boats on his 70th birthday.

Nickelodeon Magazine: What time do you wake up in the morning?
Jack LaLanne: Four-thirty. Then I work out for two hours, from five to seven. I have two gyms in my house—one with a lot of the equipment that I invented way back in the 1930s and 1940s. The other one has all the modern chrome stuff.

Have you ever tried any extreme sports, such as bungee jumping?
No, I never have.

Some of the stunts you've done are pretty extreme, though. Why did you do them?
I did them to call attention to the importance of exercise. I had to set an example. People would see me and say, "If a guy that age can do that, then I'm going to start working out, too."

What's the hardest stunt you've done?
The toughest stunt I ever did was 1,000 chin-ups and 1,000 push-ups in an hour and 22 minutes. I had blisters *underneath* my calluses. And towing those 70 boats on my 70th birthday *[photo, above]*—that was a tough one. I was handcuffed and shackled, with 70 people on board. One year, I water-skied 52 miles, being pulled behind a helicopter [from San Francisco] to the Farallon Islands and back.

Are you planning anything else?
I'd like to swim underwater from Santa Catalina Island to Los Angeles [with an air tank].

Is the jumping jack named after you?
I can't be sure. But the press did call me "Jumping Jack" because during the 1950s I opened my television show by doing them. Jumping jacks work almost every muscle in your body. And they're fun.

How many years was your show on TV?
I was on 34 years. I was on by myself, or sometimes my wife joined me, and I also had two dogs. Their names were Happy and Walter, which stood for We All Love To Exercise Regularly.

What did the dogs do?
Happy would carry a joke book to me in his mouth, and then I'd read a joke from it. If it was a lousy joke, I'd say it was his fault.

Were you ever a weakling?
Yes. Up to the time I was 14 years old, I was 30 pounds underweight. I ate junk food. I had failing grades in school. Then I started exercising.

What are your favorite sports?
Swimming, football, track, boxing—the whole bit.

Do you ever take a day off from exercising?
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IN BOD WE TRUST: Jack flexes his form.

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IF TOOTH BE

Your teeth are stronger than your bones. In fact, they're coated with enamel, which is the hardest substance your body produces. But despite their tough coating, teeth will still rot if they're not properly taken care of. STACEY BOWERS brushed up on how people have cared for their teeth throughout history. Real

Now it's the dentist—but centuries ago it might have been the barber.

Shave and a Haircut, Two Bites

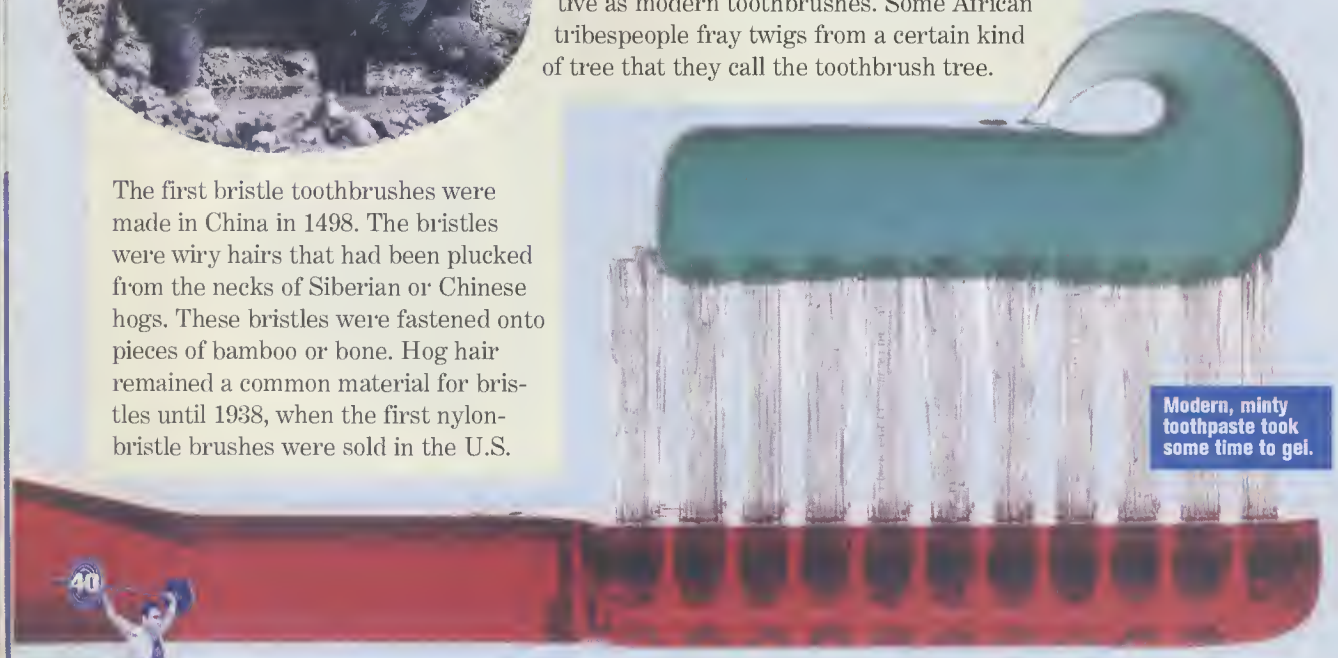
In the 1300s, European barbers not only cut hair and trimmed beards, but also pulled rotten teeth. And long before the first porcelain dentures were used in France in 1774, false teeth were being made from bone or ivory or even from the teeth of animals or dead people. In the 1500s, wealthy European women had their gums pierced with hooks to hold their dentures.

First Mate: Chewsticca

The first toothbrushes were chew sticks and have been found in Egyptian tombs dating back to 3000 BC. They were pencil-size twigs with one end frayed until it was soft. Chew sticks were rubbed against the teeth without toothpaste. These sticks are still used in some places, and they can be just as effective as modern toothbrushes. Some African tribespeople fray twigs from a certain kind of tree that they call the toothbrush tree.

Don't bristle at the thought of hog hair toothbrushes.

The first bristle toothbrushes were made in China in 1498. The bristles were wiry hairs that had been plucked from the necks of Siberian or Chinese hogs. These bristles were fastened onto pieces of bamboo or bone. Hog hair remained a common material for bristles until 1938, when the first nylon-bristle brushes were sold in the U.S.



Modern, minty toothpaste took some time to gel.

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Wire You Smiling?

The ancient Egyptians replaced lost teeth, decorated their teeth, and used devices to space their teeth. The Egyptians also used wires to move teeth together. Much later, in the 1600s, people tried moving teeth by binding them together with strips of animal gut. A hundred years later, some dentists tried straightening teeth by hand, using forceps. In the 1830s, individually crafted devices much like today's braces came into use, and at the end of the century, they were mass-produced. Retainers were introduced in 1908, giving kids everywhere something to "accidentally" toss into cafeteria trash cans.

Modern braces have roots in the gums of ancient Egyptians.

"P" is for Paste

The first known toothpaste was used in Egypt around the year 2000 BC. It was made from powdered pumice stone and strong wine vinegar, and brushed on with a chew stick. Early Roman (and some Native American) toothpaste and mouthwash were made from human urine. Urine was used as toothpaste because it was said to whiten teeth and strengthen their roots. Upper-class Roman women paid a lot for Portuguese urine, which was said to be the strongest in Europe (probably because it took so long to be delivered). Urine was a common toothpaste ingredient until the 1700s—other common ingredients included crushed eggshells, soot, honey, charcoal, nuts, and ground fish bones. ❑

Me? I prefer ground Milk-Bones.

My Unique Physique

Tired of people bragging about their double-jointedness or showing off their rolled tongues? Outdo them by displaying your own "special" features.

Rub your belly and whine "My stomachs are upset."

Hold your forehead with one hand, raise your other hand, and tell the teacher you've got something stuck in your third eye.

If someone offers you a drink, dunk your finger in the glass and then take it out and say "Nah, too sweet."

Impress everyone with your X-ray vision: "I see you had cereal for breakfast again."

Put your clothes on backward and explain that your head got screwed on wrong at the assembly plant.

If someone comes close to tagging you in touch football, scream "You fool! Don't you know I'm radioactive?"

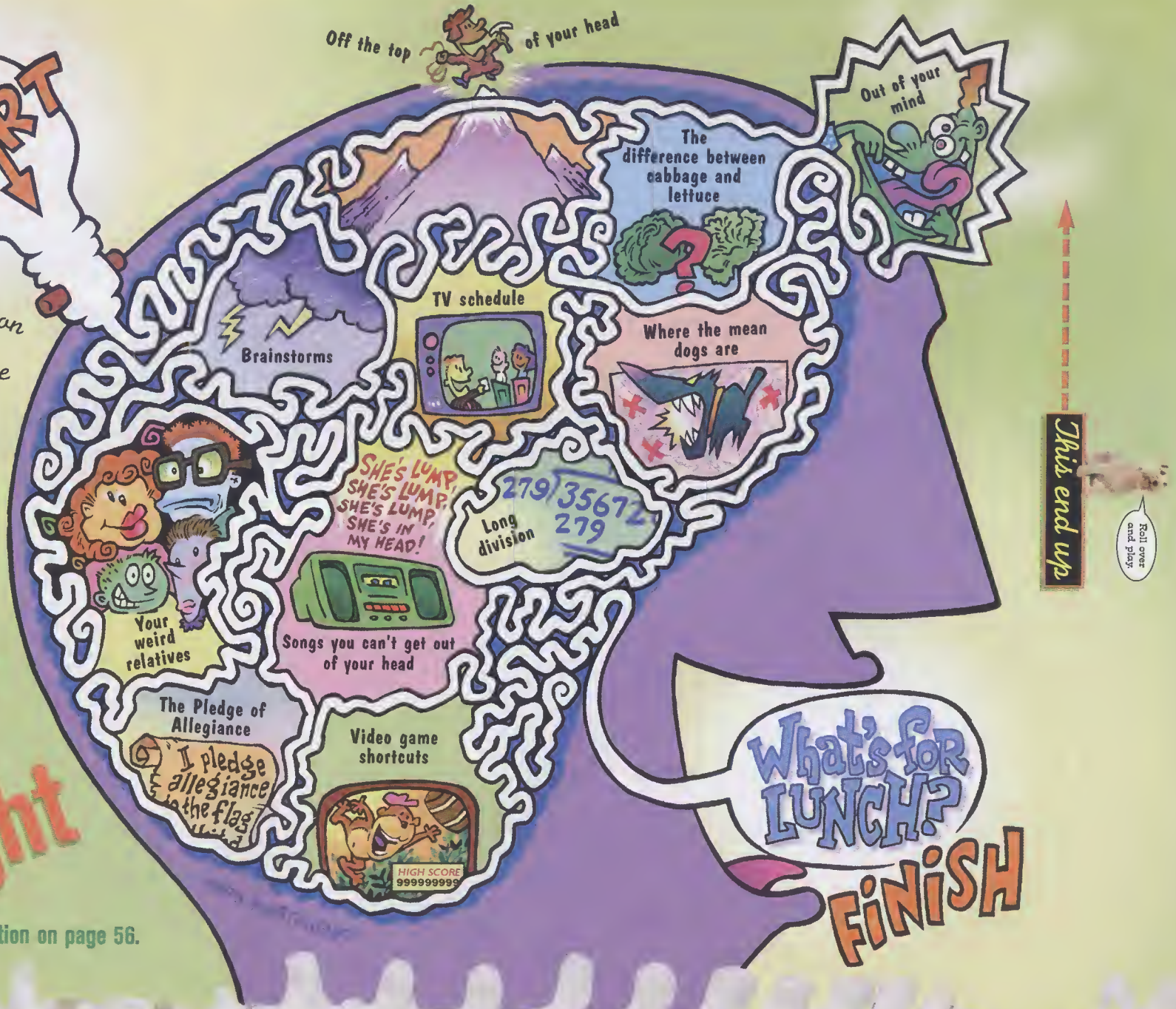
Sniff the air and say "Did you hear that?"

When asked to help blow up balloons, explain that you can't because of your fire-breathing problem.

Wear a baseball hat in class. When your teacher asks you to take it off, say "I don't think this crowd can handle that much exposed gray matter."

Lost in Thought

Get past all the stuff on your mind and find the quickest way for a thought to get from the back of your head to the tip of your tongue.



Solution on page 56.

Real Grime Marches On

Here's some of the dirt on how people have stayed clean throughout the ages.

c.* 1700 BC: The oldest known bathtub is made in Crete.

c. AD 300: In the Roman Empire, public baths *(left)*, like today's health clubs, become social hot spots. Wealthy Romans bathe for hours, each using nearly 300 gallons of water in a day.

c. 600: The Islamic prophet Muhammad recommends that people take baths. Bathing for spiritual cleansing, as well as for health, becomes popular. *Hamams*, or public baths, are built in many Middle Eastern countries.

Early Middle Ages (c. 400–750): The early Christian Church discourages bathing throughout Europe, possibly because the ancient Romans, whom the Church associated with decadence, had given bathing a bad name.

The Crusades (c. 1000–1300): European Crusaders returning home from the Middle East revive bathing. They had grown accustomed to luxurious Turkish baths and hamams. These baths, like the Roman baths, get a bad reputation and are banned.

Late 1400s: Queen Isabella of Castile *(left)* boasts that she has only bathed twice in her life–once at birth and once before her wedding. Baths were for commoners, not queens.

c. 1600–1850: Considered a luxury, soap is heavily taxed in England. People pour on perfume to hide their stench, and the combination creates a stinky problem. Parliament even considers outlawing the use of perfume in 1770.

1700s: Pennsylvania and Virginia laws ban bathing because it encourages nudity.

1790s: George Bryan "Beau" Brummell, an English trendsetter, makes bathing hip again. Brummell, who bathes in milk, spends hours a day primping in the bathroom.

1840s: English statesman Edwin Chadwick declares war on grime. Though he recommends washing for health, baths are still hard to come by.

c. 1900: Make room for the bathroom. Bathing and washing become more common as affordable indoor plumbing flows into many homes.

1920s: In America, the "Cleanliness Crusade" promotes bathing with clean-themed cartoons and soapy songs, such as "Clean hands and hearts may hope/To find the way to happiness/By using lots of soap."

Today: Americans really clean up–the U.S. has more bathtubs per person than any other nation.

*c. stands for ***circa***, which means "around the time of."

Don't be afraid

Be a Friend

Sometimes you see someone who's different from you, and you're kinda scared to talk to them, but you would like to try to be friends 'cause they might be really nice. When you feel that way, just take a deep breath, and say "Hi".

Be a Friend

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BY ANDREW SANTELLA

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Arm

Where to find it: The Science Place, in Dallas, Texas

Does admission cost an arm and a leg? No, just $3.

Size: Thirteen-and-a-half-feet long (about five times the length of an average adult arm)

What it does: It moves. A model of an actual-size arm is in front of the giant arm. When you move the little arm, the big one moves along with it. It will flex, wave, and lift a finger.

Added bonus: It's ticklish.

Foot

Where to find it: Feet First, the Dr. William M. Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine, in Chicago, Illinois

Will you be able to foot the bill? Yes, it's free.

Size: Four-feet long (about four times the size of the average man's foot)

What it does: Shows that your foot is actually made up of 28 different bones, which let you stand, walk, and run.

Added bonuses: Nearby, you can make an impression of your own footprint, which is just as unique as your fingerprints. Also on display is a size 35 shoe worn by Robert P. Wadlow, who was 8'11" and is listed as the tallest man in *The Guinness Book of Records*.

Teeth

Where to find the set of teeth: The Health Adventure, in Asheville, North Carolina

Will your jaw drop when you see the cost of admission? No, it's just $2.

Size: The set is 10-feet high (about 100 times the size of an average adult's teeth). You can walk through them.

What it does: Teaches you proper brushing technique. You can even practice with a big toothbrush.

Added bonus: You can floss with a pair of pantyhose (provided).

Heart

Where to find it: Heartland, the California Museum of the Heart, in Rancho Mirage

Does it cost a bloody fortune to get in? No, just 50 cents.

Size: Ten feet from the base of the aorta to the top of the great arteries (about 20 times the size of an average human heart)

What it does: Pulsates, beats, and beeps. You can record the sound of your own beating heart.

Scary added bonus: The big heart has a simulated heart attack.

Aorta get out more often.

The Whole Bod

Where you'll find Kelly, the giant girl: JFK Health World, in Barrington, Illinois

How much will she set you back? A whole $5.

Size: Eighty-five-feet long (about 20 times the height of an average seven-year-old girl)

What she does: You can crawl through her heart and remove some bandages to find out about her body's inner workings. (Even though she has bandages, she's not injured.)

Added bonus: Inside Kelly's backpack, there is a "Brain Theater," which shows a movie about how she thinks.

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STAN WINSTON headed up the design and construction of the animatronic dinosaurs in *The Lost World* and *Jurassic Park*. Stan *(left)* also designed creatures for *Batman Returns, Aliens,* and *Edward Scissorhands,* and effects for *Terminator 2: Judgment Day.*

Nickelodeon Magazine: Which of your creatures is your favorite?

Stan Winston: That's probably the hardest question you could ask. I don't have a favorite. Dinosaurs, aliens, the Terminator, Edward Scissorhands—they all have a real special place for me.

What's the scariest creature that you've created?

Tyrannosaurus rex was the scariest—not just in the film but in the filming, too. If something had gone wrong on the set, it could have killed somebody. It weighed close to nine tons.

Since there are no pictures of real dinosaurs, how did you know when your designs were accurate?

There's a certain amount of leeway because no one knows exactly what dinosaurs looked like. But you can add a creative mind to what is known about science, what's known about anatomy, and what's known about animals today. You look at a dinosaur design and you say, "It's right because it looks right, it feels real, it makes sense."

How much did you study dinosaurs before you could start designing?

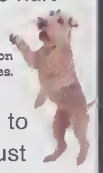
Well, I've been a fan of dinosaurs since I was a little kid. And we did an enormous amount of research for both *Jurassic Park* and *The Lost World*. We wanted the dinosaurs to be the most accurate dinosaurs ever created—not just on film but in museums as well.

Will these dinosaurs end up in museums?

No. Unfortunately, the materials that make the skin look real are made of foam rubber, and they don't last long. They rot.

If you could be any of your characters, which one would you be?

If I were going to be a dinosaur, I'd be a T-rex. There has to be security in being a T-rex. But that doesn't mean I'm someone who likes to hurt and kill people. There's a warm, fuzzy side of me, too.



I'm fuzzy on all sides.

An alien or a T-rex, which one is more evil?

A T-rex is not evil. He's an animal, a carnivore. He kills to survive and eat. And the queen alien [in *Aliens*] was just trying to take care of all of her worker aliens. That wasn't about evil. Evil is a character like Freddy Krueger.

Is there any creature that you wish you had created?

Yes. E.T. I had always wanted to work with Steven Spielberg—I'm his hugest fan. I've always regretted that I didn't design E.T.

Do you have similar feelings about Godzilla?

No.

Do you have pets?

I have three dogs, and sometimes four if I'm taking care of my son's dog. I've had dogs all my life. When I went off to college, and I didn't have a dog, I had to go to the pound so that I could get one. There is no Stan Winston without a dog.

Do you dress up for Halloween?

I don't. But I used to. It was my favorite holiday.

Did your costume ever weigh nine tons?

No. I never went as anything extreme. And it's not my favorite holiday anymore because, just by virtue of what I do, I'm the first person everyone asks "Will you help me with my costume?" So I have to hibernate, because if you can't help everyone, you can't help anyone.

No mean feat, those two mean feet: Stan Winston *(front)* and dinosaur *(rear)*.

What were you like as a kid?

Everything I'm doing today, I did as a kid. I loved doing puppet shows, and I'm still doing those today—because *Jurassic Park* and *The Lost World* are like big puppet shows. I loved magic and doing tricks no one could figure out. Now, I make big toys that are puppets. They're magic. It's all the same thing.

Find more about *The Lost World* on the next page.

Guess Who's Comin

Starasaurus Jeff

Real

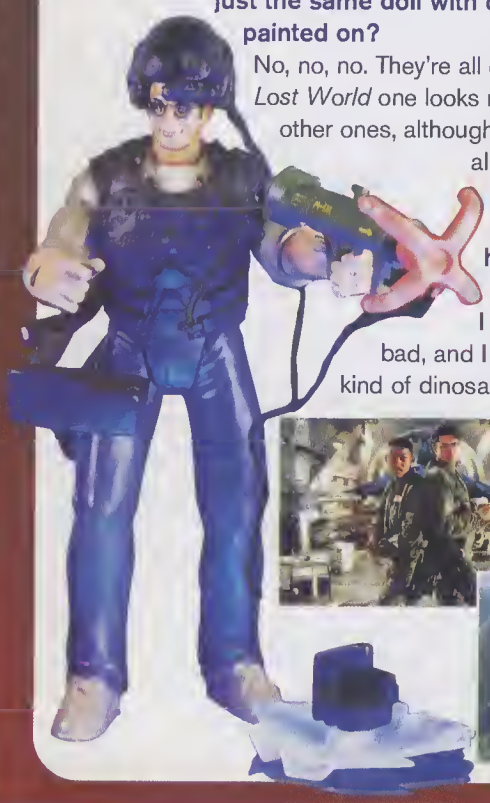
This month, JEFF GOLDBLUM will return to his role as Ian Malcolm in *The Lost World*. Last summer, he costarred with Will Smith and some aliens in *Independence Day*. We recently jur-asked him a few questions.

Nickelodeon Magazine: What kind of a kid were you?
Jeff Goldblum: Besides getting good grades on my report card, my fourth grade teacher, Mrs. Veblun, wrote "He's a joy!"

What is your favorite movie?
The Lost World. It really is. I certainly had a great time making the movie, and I had a part that I really liked. Steven Spielberg is a great director.

Was a mold made of you to make any of your action figures?
No. My face has been molded for all sorts of movie things, but for the action figures, they took some quick photographs and made the action figures from those.

There's an action figure of you from *Jurassic Park*, one from *ID4 (below)*, and another from *The Lost World*. Is it just the same doll with different clothes painted on?
No, no, no. They're all different. I think *The Lost World* one looks more like me than the other ones, although I am very muscular in all of them, which I like.



Would you rather have an *ID4* alien or a dinosaur as a pet?
I think the aliens were bad, and I wouldn't want the kind of dinosaur that would eat me. But there are the great big brachiosaurs and the triceratops, which are like big cows. I'd like to have one of those.

See the man in Action Figure *(left)*; Lean, mean, alien-fighting Jeff leans on Will Smith in *ID4 (center)*; and Jeff gets all fired up in *Jurassic Park (below)*.

Rubbernecking tourists in *Jurassic Park*.

Would you want to keep the alien around to do household chores?
Yes, I'd make him do all the difficult tasks. Bad aliens.

Vanessa Lee Chester says that you guys were always goofing off on the set of *The Lost World*. Were you?
True enough. I am known to be silly, and Vince Vaughn [who plays Nick Van Owen] is the silliest adult I've ever seen. One time, we went to a restaurant and all the waiters put on big hats and started dancing. They put a hat on me, and I got on a conga line and danced around. I had my picture taken, and I looked pretty goofy. Vince got his hands on the picture, and later, when we were eating at a fancy hotel, he went to all the other tables and showed it to everyone. He made me laugh until my sides ached.

What was the best part about filming in Hawaii?
The water slide we had at our hotel. I'd never been on a water slide before, and I went on this one and it was fabulous. It must have been about seven stories high.

Could you go on the slide any time you wanted because you're a big movie star?
No. I don't accept special treatment. I'm just the same as everybody else, just much taller.

How tall *are* you?
Six foot four.

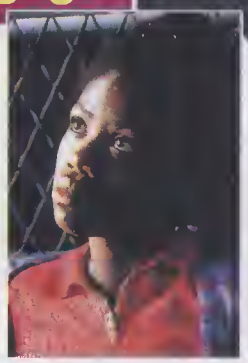
That's 42 feet in dog years.

Can you do any tricks with your body?
I can wiggle one ear at a time: left and then right, left and then right. And I can roll my belly like a belly dancer. I've been able to do it since I was a kid.

ng to Dino?

Jurassa Lee Chester

Twelve-year-old VANESSA LEE CHESTER has acted in *The Little Princess* and *Harriet the Spy*. Now she's off to *The Lost World* as Kelly. We had a raptor-vating conversation with Vanessa.



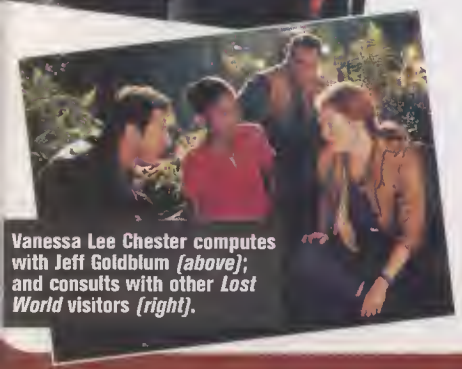
Nickelodeon Magazine: What's your character, Kelly, like?
Vanessa Lee Chester: She's just one of the kids. She's a lot like me. We're both kind of funky.

Did you travel for the movie?
We went to Hawaii. We also filmed on the Universal Studios lot in Hollywood.

Was the Universal lot fun?
Yes. On lunch breaks, I'd ride my bicycle over to stage 35, where they had free Sega games. I was in heaven.

Did you have a favorite scene?
All the dangerous, scary ones where we were chased by dinosaurs.

Was the *Tyrannosaurus rex* model as big as a real T-rex?
Yes. You can see a T-rex in books and think it's cool, but when you actually see how big it is, it's scary.



Vanessa Lee Chester computes with Jeff Goldblum *(above)*; and consults with other *Lost World* visitors *(right)*.

What scary stuff did the dinosaur models do?
The eyes could actually move. And some robots could even bleed.

What would you do if you saw a real T-rex?
I would look at it for a minute, then run the other way, because I'd want to live to tell my story.

Did the cast goof around?
Oh yeah. Once, Vince Vaughn put my hand into a dinosaur model that had intestines hanging out. It was so disgusting.

So you didn't feel like the only kid?
I felt like the only *adult* on the film. Everyone was always playing around, throwing grapes at each other.

How would Janie Gibbs from *Harriet the Spy* deal with dinosaurs?
That's where her science would stop. She'd just say, "Wow, dinosaurs."

Which role was more fun, Janie or Kelly?
It's hard to compare. In *Harriet*, I loved my wardrobe. I had some funky outfits. In *The Lost World*, I had one costume. By the last day, I was really sick of it.

Which dinosaur would you like to be?
Probably a raptor. They're sly and swift. They hunt in packs, and I'm always with my little clique.

But you wouldn't hunt other kids, would you?
No, that's where the line is drawn. ❑

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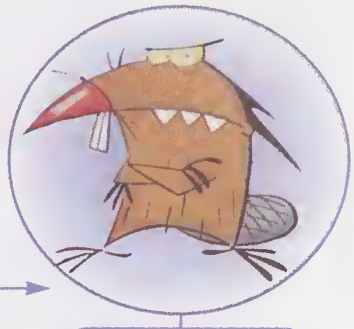

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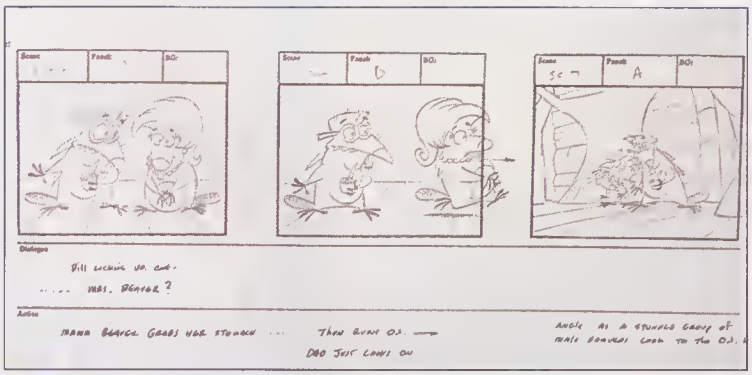

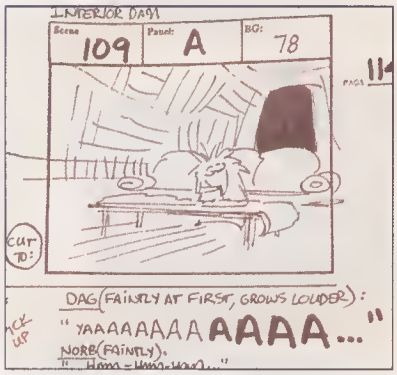

2 All Aboard

A script must be written before production of an episode begins. It tells the story through dialogue and action descriptions. Then, using the script, artists create a storyboard *(above)*, which looks like a comic book. The storyboard is the first visual guide for an episode, showing the characters' facial expressions and physical action.

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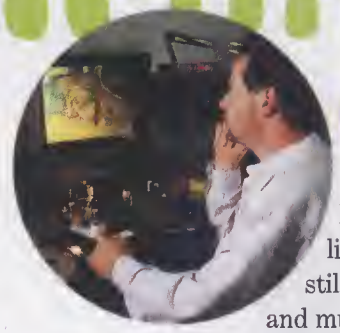

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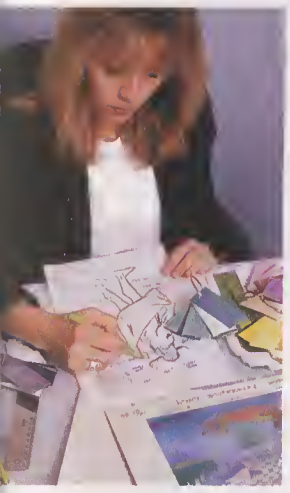

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6 At Last, the Animating!

After these steps, which take several months, the storyboards, animatic, and backgrounds are sent to animators in Korea, who produce 26,000 cels. Cels are color drawings on clear plastic sheets. The cels are placed over a background and filmed one after another, which creates the illusion of motion. The whole animation process requires 250 people and takes about three months.

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Daggett

PERSONALITY: An *over*eager beaver with a short attention span; can't stand Norbert's mellowness.
FUR: Brown
NOSE: Red
HEIGHT: Shorter than Norbert
HAIR FACTOR: Slicked back and black
STUFF HE WOULD DO: Convince himself he's a superhero; annoy other animals; watch weird old movies.
STUFF HE SAYS: "This is nuts!" "Easy peasy!"

Norbert

PERSONALITY: Laid back; talented; likes to tease his brother.
FUR: Tan
NOSE: Lavender
HEIGHT: Taller than Daggett by a quarter inch, which annoys Daggett
HAIR FACTOR: Spiky
STUFF HE WOULD DO: Tease Daggett; calm Daggett down; tease Daggett again; watch weird old movies.
STUFF HE SAYS: "Bro" "Wolaboga!"

The Angry Beavers **airs on Sundays at 11:30 AM, one hour earlier in the central time zone. Showtime subject to change.**

Happy Human

The Angry Beavers creator

Cartoonist **Mitch Schauer** *(left)* has worked on shows featuring characters such as Freakazoid and Scooby Doo. We spoke to him about his latest creation, *The Angry Beavers.*

Real

Nickelodeon Magazine: How did you come up with the characters' names?
Mitch Schauer: I found them in the book *35,000 Plus Baby Names*, [which said that] in Scandinavian *Norbert* means "brilliant hero" and *Daggett* means "bright." Although Daggett, the character, is the opposite of that.

Who are the beavers based on? Norbert is based on me, and Daggett is based on Karl Toerge, whom I used to work with at Warner Bros. Television Animation. Karl, like Daggett, is outgoing and enthusiastic. Plus, he wears his heart on his sleeve.

Are any of Norbert's expressions like yours? Norbert and I both use a lot of finger gestures. We both wiggle a finger back and forth to say no.

How did you come up with the idea for the show? I thought I'd do the opposite of what people expect from cartoon characters, which are usually happy animals. I made my mine angry. Then I went down through a list of silly animals and decided on beavers.

Do you have any pets? I have a teddy-bear hamster, a dog, a love bird, and two guinea pigs. One of them, Psycho, has the same hair as Norbert.

Hey, Herb!

¡Hola, readers!

Where you ask the president of Nickelodeon, Herb Scannell, anything you want.

What is the most embarrassing thing that's ever happened to you at work?
One day, when I was working at another company, I bent down to pick something up and my pants ripped, just as my new boss was on his way to see me! Luckily one of my coworkers offered to sew them for me. In the meantime, I sat at my desk in my underwear. Fortunately, my boss didn't get to my office until right after I put the mended pants on.

Do you speak any languages other than English?
I learned a little Spanish from my mom, who grew up in Puerto Rico. As a kid, I always knew I was in *big* trouble when my mom yelled "Guillermo Heriberto," which is my full name in Spanish.

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What's New on Nick

Mom's the Word On *The Rugrats Mother's Day Special,* the Rugrats try to find the perfect gifts for their moms—and they try to find a mom for Chuckie.

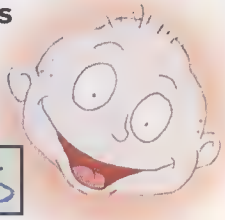
Get ready for the episode by doing this *Rugrats* puzzle. Read each of the clues below to figure out what the rhyming answer is. **Hint:** One word in each answer is the name of a Rugrat. **Answers on page 56.**

1 Fortunate Rugrat

LUCKY CHUCKIE

2 Tommy's five-cent coins

PICKELS' NICKELS



3 Lil's brother's milk accidents

PHIL'S SPILLS

The Rugrats Mother's Day Special airs on Tuesday, May 6, at 8 PM; Friday, May 9, at 7:30 PM; and on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 11, at 8 PM.

All shows air one hour earlier in the central time zone. Show times subject to change.

Carefully tear out this page along the dotted line.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
NICKELODEON		Real		**1** National Barbecue Month begins *It's not an ob-skewer occasion.*	**2** Richmond's Mushroom Festival begins in Missouri *There's a fungus among us.*	**3** The Kentucky Derby is run in Louisville, Kentucky *Hold your horses.*
4 Barbe-true Fact #1: There are about 2.7 billion barbecues per year in the U.S.	**5** National Herb Week begins *Listen to the Spice Girls.*	**6** George Clooney, actor, born, 1961 *We're loony for Clooney.*	**7** Johannes Brahms, composer, born, 1833 *Lullaby and good night.*	**8** Tulip Time Festival begins in Holland, Michigan *We're having a bulb!*	**9** Lakes Crossing, Nevada, becomes Reno, Nevada, 1903 *Did they Reno-vate?*	**10** Barbe-true Fact #2: Henry Ford started manufacturing charcoal briquettes in 1921.
11 Salvador Dali, artist, born, 1904 *Hello, Dali!* *Mother's Day*	**12** Emilio Estevez, actor, born, 1962 *Duck!*	**13** Dennis Rodman, NBA player, born, 1961 *He's rebound for glory.*	**14** George Lucas, director, born, 1944 *And 20 years later, his mother released a special edition.*	**15** Barbe-true Fact #3 Pickling cucumbers grown in the U.S. have "warts;" those grown in Europe are smooth.	**16** International Pickle Week begins *There's never a dill moment!*	**17** California Strawberry Festival begins in Oxnard, California *Eat strawberry shortcake.*
18 Visit Your Relatives Day *Get your cheeks pinched.*	**19** Recover from your relatives.	**20** Barbe-true Fact #4: Hamburgers are the most popular barbecued food in the U.S.	**21** Zodiac sign Gemini begins *Sleep in a twin bed.*	**22** Barbe-true Fact #5 Seventy-seven percent of U.S. households own a barbecue grill.	**23** Barbe-true Fact #6 Nearly two billion pounds of hot dogs are eaten each year in the U.S.	**24** International Jazz Day *Toot your own horn.*
25 National Tap Dance Day *Be in tip-tap shape.*	**26** ★ Memorial Day ★	**27** Amelia Bloomer, social reformer, born, 1818 *Wear clean underwear.*	**28** Barbe-true Fact #7 The first sauerkraut was eaten more than 2,200 years ago in China.	**29** Wisconsin becomes the 30th state, 1848 *It's not easy being cheesy.*	**30** Barbe-true Fact #8 More than half the marshmallows eaten during the summer are toasted over a barbecue fire.	**31** National Barbecue Month ends *Are you burnt out?*

Whatever You

Fourth Annual New Year's Contest Results

Real

In our December 1996 issue, we asked you to write New Year's resolutions for a famous person or character. These are our contest winners and honorable mentions.

Winners

Poppin' Fresh, the Pillsbury Doughboy

Find my other ticklish spots.

Search for my long lost sister, Poppie Fresh.

Poke back.

Collin J., age 11
Beavercreek, Ohio

Whitney Houston

Don't wait too long to exhale.

Stop trying to be every woman.

Move to Houston, Texas, and brag that it was named after me.

Emily B., age 11
Chester, New York

A Troll Doll

Get a new hairdo.

Wear clothes more often.

Decide if I want to be in or out of style.

Katy H., age 11
Groves, Texas

Honorable Mentions

Herb Scannell, president of Nickelodeon

Grow an herb garden.

Start my own talk show called *Hey, Herb!*

Danny N., age 11
South Toms River, New Jersey

Waldo

Get a new shirt.

Wear contacts instead of glasses.

Stop hiding.

Jonathan A., age 8
Palo Alto, California

King of Hearts

Get this sword out of my head.

Get a new hairdo.

Gain some weight, so I'm not so flat.

Tim M., age 10
Hickory, North Carolina

Scooby Doo

Lay off the Scooby Snacks.

Think of Shaggy's stomach before my own.

Come up with better excuses for not working on a case.

Amber M., age 9
Garden City, New York

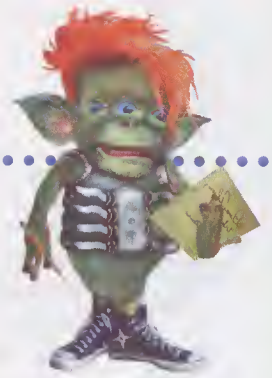
Want

Henry VIII

Play *The Dating Game.*

Go on a diet.

Sarah R., age 8
Richmond, Virginia



QZ

Tell people what the note in my hand says.

Try wearing a steering wheel instead of a bumper.

Get over my Cyndi Lauper wanna-be phase.

Clare M., age 11
Springfield, Pennsylvania

R.L. Stine

Move away from Fear Street.

Get rid of my Goosebumps.

Find my monster blood type.

Beth C., age 13
Millersville, Maryland

Beck

Quit being such a "Loser."

Ditch the "two turntables and a microphone."

Keep track of my guitar so that I'll know "Where It's At."

Ashley M., age 12
Dexter, Missouri

Winners will receive a Nickelodeon prize pack of Nickelodeon Videos, a T-shirt, Gak, Smud, and more.

Say What?

From the December 1996 issue

These entries deserve some exposure.

Boy: Do you like the picture?
Girl: Sure beats the wax fruit I'm eating.

Beth Z., age 12
Bowling Green, Kentucky

Boy: I'm from the FBI. Have you seen this person?
Girl: No, but I'll keep my eyes open.

Rachel B., age 10
Seattle, Washington

Boy: Look at this beautiful picture of you.
Girl: Forget it, Bro, you're not getting my orange juice.

Jessica B., age 11
Westwood, New Jersey

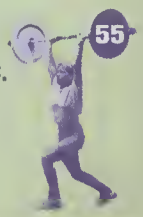
Boy: Like my picture?
Girl: You're better off with a thousand words.

Keegan F., age 8
Ft. Collins, Colorado

Boy: Hey, look at my muscle!
Girl: Wow! You can pick up a whole picture.

Christina T., age 10
Freehold, New Jersey

Thanks for all your submissions. They were picture perfect.



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Runaway Brain (page 4)
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The Bald and the Beautiful (page 7)
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Body of Knowledge (page 8-9)
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Scope These Out (page 9)
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Goof Troupe

In our March issue we mistakenly called Immature's Batman "Batan" (*page 51*). How childish of us. Also, the names of the celebrities on our April cover are: Whitney Houston, Rugrats, Tom Cruise, Jonathan Taylor Thomas, Kristi Yamaguchi, Shaquille D'Neal, Pongo, and Rosie D'Donnell. Ann B. Davis did not appear as Alice.

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THE JOKES

by David Lewman

Which movie star is rich, handsome, and purple?
Tom Bruise.

What is Michael Jordan's only physical weakness?
He's hard of hair-ing.

Why did the kid walk on Shaquille O'Neal's arm?
She wanted to go out on a limb.

What if Beavis' friend had a head shaped like a shoe?
They'd be Beavis and Boot-Head.

What if Beavis stole Ernie's friend?
They'd be Beavis and Bert-Head.

Where does David Letterman get his teeth cleaned?
At the Gap.

Which superhero has the most saliva?
The Amazing Spitter-Man.

Who fights evil pimples from another planet?
The Mighty Morphin Pore Rangers.

What do you call dandruff on someone with silver hair?
Frosted flakes.

What is it called when you balance a breath mint on your foot?
Tic Tac toe.

What do legs wear to baseball games?
Kneecaps.

What did the fingers do when they went on strike against the nose?
They decided to pick it.

What's made of milk, chocolate ice cream, and fingers?
A handshake.

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